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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q60989

Madeline PRIGENT, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/673,143

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Group Art Unit: 2831

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Examiner: William H. MAYO

For:

POWER CABLE COMPRISING AT LEAST A NANOCOMPOSITE COMPONENT

COATING LAYER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2002, and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Twice amended) A power cable comprising:

a conductive material core; and

at least one covering layer, characterized in that said at least one covering layer is constituted essentially of a material comprising an inorganic compound having an exfoliated layered structure made from a nanocomposite material and an organic compound inserted between layers of said inorganic compound.

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